

# BUPHAGA AFRICANA.



## CHARACTER GENERICUS.

*Rostrum* rectum, subquadrangulare; mandibulis gibbis integris, extrorsum gibbosioribus.  
*Pedes* ambulatorii.

*Lin. Syst. Nat.* p. 154.

## CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

BUPHAGA subfusca, subtus subflavescens, cauda cuneata.

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BUPHAGA.

*Briss.* 2. p. 437. t. 42. f. 2.

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Constat ex unica specie genus Buphaga, cujus rostrum subquadrangulum ad modum quo victum sibi quærens utitur apprime est accommodatum; pedibus enim solet insidere, et oestrorum larvas e cute excerpere. Depingitur in tabula Buphaga Africana magnitudine fere dimidiata. Senegalam incolit, primusque eam descripsit Adansonus.

THE  
AFRICAN BUPHAGA.

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GENERIC CHARACTER.

*Bill* strait, subquadrangular: Mandibles gibbous, entire, more gibbous on the outside.

*Feet* formed for walking.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Brownish BUPHAGA, yellowish beneath, with wedge-shaped tail.

Le Pic-Boeuf.

*Buf. ois.* 3. p. 175. pl. 14.

*Pl. Enl.* 293.

AFRICAN Beef-Eater.

*Lath. Syn.* 1. p. 359.

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The genus Buphaga, consisting at present of a single species only, is distinguished by the subquadrangular form of the beak, which is peculiarly calculated for the general manner of feeding in this bird: viz. that of picking out the larvæ of oestri from the backs of cattle. It is a native of Senegal, and was first discovered by Adanson. The plate represents it of somewhat more than half the natural size.

